sanctioning the scale of Rs. 1640—2900 to them also; and

(d) what action the Ministry of Finance have taken or propose to take to meet the demands of such Government employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir. The scale of Rs. 1640—2900 has been sanctioned to the Assistants of the Central Secretariat Service.

(b) The information regarding expenditure incurred and number of employees benefited is maintained by respertive cadre controlling authorities.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Ministry of Finance has stated that the revision of scale in the case of Assistants of the Central Secretariat Service was made with a view to set right, in accordance with the prescribed procedures, an anomaly in the scale of pay as recommended by the Fourth Central Pay Commission, and since there is no such anomaly in the scales of pay of other employees there is no question of giving them the revised scale of Rs. 1640—2900.

Medical Insurance Scheme for Pensioners

633. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce Medical Insurance Scheme for Pensioners;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) The question of evolving a medical insurance scheme for civilian pensioners was considered in the last meeting of the Standing Committee of Voluntary Agencies (SCOVA) of the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare on 22nd April, 1993 and in pursuance of these discussions, a sub-committee of SCOVA has been constituted to study the matter further and make suitable recommendations for consideration by SCOVA.

Reservation for Women in Civil Services

634. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide 30 per cent reservation for women in civil services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE, IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) There is a proposal under consideration for providing 30 per cent sub-reservation for women in respect of services and posts where reservation exists or will be provided for in future.

Guidelines for furnishing information to MPs

635. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the guidelines issued to various departments, State Governments and public sector units regarding furnishing information to Members of Parliament when if the same is sought; and

(b) what are the protocol procedures in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The guidelines for furnishing information to Members of Parliament, as given in the Central Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure are that Communications received from MPs should be attended to promptly. Normally, information sought by a Member should be supplied unless it is of such a nature that it would have been denied to him even if asked for on the floor of the House of Parliament. These guidelines are required to be followed by all the Min./Depts. of the Govt. of India and the Public Sector